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1. SUMMARY: NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
AFRICAN TRIP AND RELATED EVENTS, FEB. 11. END SUMMARY.

2. WASHINGTON POST FEB. 11 PAGE ONE STORY BY JONATHAN RANDAL
HEADLINED "U.S. NIGERIA RECONCILE DIFFERENCES, YOUNG, OBASANJO
AGREE ON AMERICAN ROLE IN S. AFRICA." TEXT FOLLOWS:
"THE UNITED STATES AND NIGERIA REACHED A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC
RECONCILIATION TODAY, WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HERE WELCOMING
AN ACTIVE AMERICAN ROLE IN NEGOTIATING AN END TO WHITE RULE IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE NEW MOOD OF COOPERATION EMERGED FROM
A THREE-HOUR MEETING BETWEEN ANDREW YOUNG, U.S.
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND LT. GEN. OLUSEGUN
OBASANJO, NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE. IT CONTRASTED WITH NIGERIA'S
HOSTILITY TOWARD FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY
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KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE CHANGE IN RHODESIA,
SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA (SOUTHWEST AFRICA).
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA DONALD EASUM SUMMED UP
THE MEETING AT OBASANJO'S MILITARY HEADQUARTERS BY STATING:
'IT WAS THE MOST INTERESTING AND PERHAPS THE MOST
IMPORTANT CONVERSATION OF THIS NATURE I'VE HAD IN 23 YEARS
IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE.' OBASANJO, WHO AGREED TO A

RARE JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE TO MARK THE RECONCILITATION, SAID IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT STATE OF RELATIONS NOW BETWEEN NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES: 'I CANNOT DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIP AS STRAINED BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION.' HE ADDED: 'WE AGREED ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE, OUR COURSES OF ACTION, METHODS OF APPROACH AND OUR TACTICS.' NEITHER SIDE SPELLED OUT JUST WHAT CONCRETE MEASURES THEY HAD IN MIND. THE CLEAREST DIPLOMATIC SUGGESTION TO EMERGE FROM YOUNG'S WEEK-OLD AFRICAN MISSION INVOLVED A POSSIBLE MEETING OF ALL PARTIES-EXCEPT SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA-TO HELP PUT THE ABANDONED GENEVA CONFERENCE BACK ON THE RAILS. YOUNG SAID THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, NIGERIA, ZAIRE AND THE SO-CALLED FRONTLINE STATES OF ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA COULD PARTICIPATE AS WELL AS ALL THE RIVAL RHODESIAN NATIONALIST GROUPS. YOUNG SAID THAT IF SUCH A CONFERENCE COULD WORK OUT A UNITED POSITION-PRINCIPALLY BY IRONING OUT DIFFERENCES AMONG THE RIVAL NATIONALIST LEADERS-IT WOULD BE 'VERY HARD FOR (RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER) IAN SMITH AND (SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN) VORSTER TO BUCK'... YOUNG SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE NEW PROPOSAL WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WHEN HE FLIES TO LONDON FRIDAY BEFORE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES. HE STRESSED THAT BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL AND THAT 'I WAS VERY CAREFUL NOT TO COMMIT US TO ANYTHING.' GEN. OBASANJO MADE CLEAR HIS DESIRE FOR A NEW DEPARTURE IN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. NIGERIA, BLACK AFRICA'S RICHEST AND MOST POPULOUS STATE, HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BECOME THE UNITED STATES SECOND BIGGEST SOURCE OF FOREIGN OIL AFTER SAUDI ARABIA. HE DESCRIBED HIS MEETING WITH YOUNG AS A 'REFRESHING OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO CONSIDER TOGETHER AND VERY INTIMATELY AND FRANKLY WHAT SHOULD BE THE AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT IN TERMS OF THE INTEREST OF THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE.' NIGERIA WAS AT ODDS WITH THE FORD ADMINISTRATION OVER ANGOLA, BACKING PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO'S LEFTIST REGIME. THIS WAS TO THE DISPLEASURE OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH OPPOSED THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET-SUPPLIED CUBAN TROOPS IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY. OBASANJO'S GOVERNMENT THRICE REFUSED THE EFFORTS OF KISSINGER TO VISIT LAGOS AT THE TIME OF HIS MISSION TO AFRICA LAST SPRING. IT WAS TEN THAT THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. TODAY, OBASANJO SAID THE 'IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE UNITED STATES STEPPED IN AND BROUGHT THE NECESSARY PRESSURES TO BEAR THAT SMITH ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE.' USING THE NATIONALIST NAME FOR RHODESIA, OBASANJO

SAID, 'IT STANDS TO REASON THAT TO ACHIEVE ANY SUCCESS IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF ZIMBABWE, THE UNITED STATES HAS TO BE INVOLVED.' OBASANJO SAID HE FAVORED ECONOMIC PRESSURES FOR CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, ADDING THAT HE AND YOUNG 'DID DISCUSS THE APPROPRIATE PRESSURE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES CAN BRING TO BEAR.'

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YOUNG, HOWEVER, TOLD REPORTERS HE HAD INFORMED A 'VERY UNDERSTANDING' OBASANJO OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S RELUCTANCE TO IMPOSE 'BLANKET SANCTION' AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA TO FORCE BLACK-MAJORITY RULE. YOUNG DREW ON HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH TO EXPLAIN HOW 'SELECTIVE' PUNITIVE ECONOMIC MEASURES COULD ENCOURAGE RECALCITRANT BUSINESSES TO MAKE DESIRED CHANGES. OBASANJO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE UNITED STATES UNDER KISSINGER HAD ALREADY PLAYED INTO SOUTH AFRICAN HANDS BY WITHDRAWING PRESSURE FOR A SOUTHWEST AFRICA SETTLEMENT IN RETURN FOR VORSTER'S NOW EVAPORATED PROMISES TO PRESSURE SMITH INTO AN ORDERLY RHODESIAN SOLUTION. THE NIGERIAN LEADER WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE WARNED THAT ANY SETTLEMENT WHICH DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SOUTHWEST AFRICAN PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION - NOW EXCLUDED FROM NEGOTIATIONS BY SOUTH AFRICA - WOULD MEAN CONTINUING CIVIL STRIFE THERE. ASKED IF HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT THE NEW AURA OF GOOD BILATERAL FEELINGS, YOUNG

REPLIED, 'YES, IN A WAY, BECAUSE NIGERIA HAD BEEN REPRESENTED
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AS THE BIG, BOY OF AFRICA AND TRADITIONALLY ANTI-AMERICAN, I
FRANKLY EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED WITH A SHORT LECTURE - IF
NOT A LONG ONE - ON THE PAST SINS OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS
NIGERIA.' HERE, AS IN EAST AFRICA, YOUNG SAID HE HAD STRESSED
THE NEED TO MOVE CAUTIONSLY AND SAID THE AFRICAN LEADERS HE MET
UNDERSTOOD THAT 'WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BREATHING SPACE TO GIVE THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION A CHANCE TO GET ITS ACT TOGETHER.'
DESPITE WHAT YOUNG DESCRIBED AS THE 'VERY WARM AND CORDIAL'
ATTITUDE, OBASANJO CAUTIONED THAT UNLESS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
MADE GOOD ON IT PROMISES, RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES 'COULD
SLIP BACK EVEN FURTHER THAN THEY WERE BEFORE.' BUT WITH
NIGERIA IN MIND, YOUNG SAID, 'WITH GOVERNMENTS THAT WERE
SUPPOSED TO BE THE MOST MILITANT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO BE THE MOST
CONSERVATIVE AND GET AWAY WITH IT.'

3. NEW YORK TIMES FEB. 11 CARRIED THREE COLUMN PICTURE AT TOP OF
PAGE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND LIEUT. GEN.
OBASANJO, FOOTNOTING TO PAGE 7 STORY BY JOHN DARNTON
WHICH WAS HEADLINED 'NIGERIAN SEES YOUNG, URGES U.S.
AFRICA ROLE, TALKS SEEN AS SIGNALING ACCORD AFTER
PERIOD OF DISTRUST.'" TEXT FOLLOWS: "LAGOS, NIGERIA, FEB.
10 -- LIEUT. GEN. OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, THE NIGERIAN HEAD
OF STATE, TODAY TOLD ANDREW YOUNG, THE VISITING UNITED
STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THAT THE
UNITED STATES SHOULD PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN BRINGING PEACE
AND CHANGE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. MR. YOUNG SAID THAT HIS
TALKS WITH ABOUT 20 AFRICAN LEADERS HAD ALL HAD THIS
COMMON THEM. 'WHAT THEY'VE SAID IS THEY WANT THE
UNITED STATES INVOLVED,' MR. YOUNG SAID. HE SAID THAT
HE HAD BEEN 'VERY CAREFUL NOT TO COMMIT THE UNITED
STATES TO ANYTHING,' AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS
NOT SURE IF THE INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE 'IN THE WINGS' OR
AT CENTER STAGE. THE NIGERIAN LEADER AND THE
AMERICAN MET FOR OVER THREE HOURS IN TALKS THAT WERE
DESCRIBED BY BOTH SIDES AS UNUSALLY FRIENDLY AND
FRANK AND AS OPENING UP A NEW ERA OF NIGERIAN-AMERICAN
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COOPERATION UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. FOR MR.
YOUNG, ON THE FINAL LEG OF A 10-DAY TRIP THROUGH AFRICA,
IT WAS A DIPLOMATIC BREAKTHROUGH. UNTIL NOW NIGERIA,
WHICH IS THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN BLACK AFRICA AND
WHICH HAS SPENT MORE THAN \$50 MILLION TO SUPPORT

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE SOUTH, HAS BEEN DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT THERE. AFTERWARD MR. YOUNG SAID THAT HE MIGHT RECOMMEND CONVENING A MULTINATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA. IT WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, THE FIVE 'FRONT-LINE' BLACK AFRICAN STATES BORDERING RHODESIA AND THE RHODESIAN BLACK NATIONALISTS BUT WOULD EXCLUDE THE WHITE MINORITY RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER IAN D. SMITH. THE INTENT, HE SAID, WOULD BE TO UNIFY THE FEUDING BLACK NATIONALIST FACTIONS AND TO DEVELOP A COMMON APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THE SMITH GOVERNMENT. 'IF YOU CAN GET ALL THESE GUYS IN ONE PLACE, UNITED ON SOMETHING, IT WOULD BE VERY HARD FOR SMITH AND VORSTER TO BUCK,' HE SAID, REFERRING TO PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA. MR. YOUNG IMPLIED THAT IF HIS PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE WAS BACKED BY WASHINGTON, HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS DURING A STOPOVER IN LONDON TOMORROW ON HIS WAY HOME. MR. YOUNG'S MEETING WITH GENERAL OBASANJO, IN THE GENERAL'S OFFICES AT DODAN MILITARY BARRACKS, WAS FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE. GENERAL OBASANJO RARELY HOLD NEWS CONFERENCES, AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO APPEAR WITH MR. YOUNG UNDERLINED THE SIGNIFICANCE THAT THE NIGERIANS PLACED UPON THE SESSION. DONALD EASUM, THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSION, SAID THAT IT WAS 'THE MOST INTERESTING AND PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT CONVERSATION OF THIS NATURE I'VE HAD IN 23 YEARS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE.' GENERAL OBASANJO DESCRIBED THE TALKS IN HIGHLY FAVORABLE TERMS. 'GENERALLY, WE AGREED ON WHAT SHOULD BE OUR COURSES OF ACTION, OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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METHODS OF APPROACH, OUR TACTICS,' HE SAID REFERRING TO POLICY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE DID NOT GO INTO SPECIFICS. NOTING THAT THE SMITH GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INTRANSIGENT ON THE ISSUE OF MAJORITY RULE UNTIL THE UNITED STATES HAD 'STEPPED IN' TO APPLY PRESSURE, HE

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ACHIEVE ANY SUCCESS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN SOLVING
THE PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE, AMERICA HAS TO BE HEAVILY
INVOLVED.' ZIMBABWE IS THE BLACK NATIONALISTS' NAME
FOR RHODESIA. ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO NIGERIA, WHICH
SPLIT WITH THE UNITED STATES OVER THE ANGOLAN CIVIL
WAR, CONDEMNED THE PEACE PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY FORMER
SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND BECAME AN
ADVOCATE OF ARMED STRUGGLE. WITHOUT ABANDONING THAT
POSITION TODAY, GENERAL OBASANJO EMPHASIZED 'ACHIEVING
OBJECTIVES WITHOUT CREATING A STATE THAT WOULD BE
DESTROYED COMPLETELY IN BATTLE.' THE NIGERIAN LEADER
WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE
STRIFE IN RHODESIA BETWEEN RIVAL BLACK NATIONALISTS
AND OVER A POSSIBLE RELAXATION OF AMERICAN PRESSURE ON
SOUTH AFRICA TO TRANSFER SOUTH-WEST AFRICA, ALSO KNOWN
AS NAMIBIA, TO MAJORITY RULE. CUBAN TROOPS ARE STILL
STATIONED IN ANGOLA--WHERE THEY HELPED A NATIONALIST
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GROUP WIN THE CIVIL WAR--ONLY BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA
IS SUPPORTING A REBEL ANGOLAN FACTION AND THEIR
REMOVAL COULD BE EASILY NEGOTIATED, GENERAL OBASANJO
WAS SAID TO HAVE REMARKED. 'AT ONE POINT HE SAID THE
PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA WAS KIND OF A STRAIN,
A BLEMISH ON BLACK AFRICA, AND THAT AFRICANS SHOULD
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE THAT SITUATION ALONE, MR. YOUNG
SAID. THE AMERICAN SAID THAT HE WAS SURPRISED AT THE
'UNMILITANT' TONE OF THE NIGERIANS. 'THE VALUABLE THING
WAS IT SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT NIGERIA'S WEIGHT WAS FIRMLY
TO BE THROWN BEHIND A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND A UNIFIED

NATIONALIST MOVEMENT,' HE SAID. 'THOSE ARE EXACTLY THE INTERESTS THE UNITED STATES HAS. 'NIGERIA HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING THE BIG BAD BOY OF AFRICA AND TRADITIONALLY ANTI-UNITED STATES.' HE CONTINUED. 'I FRANKLY EXPECTED TO RECEIVE A SHORT LECTURE, IF NOT A LONG ONE, ON THE PAST SINS OF THE UNITED STATES IN AFRICA.' INSTEAD, MR. YOUNG SAID, HE FOUND A DEEP DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS, INCLUDING A PLEA TO SEND MORE AMERICAN CONTRACTORS TO NIGERIA TO BID ON ROAD AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.'

4. WALL STREET JOURNAL FEB. 11 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "TRAVEL IS BROADENING." TEXT FOLLOWS: "ANDREW YOUNG, THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, APPEARS TO HAVE LEARNED A BIT ABOUT DIPLOMACY DURING HIS AFRICAN TOUR. HE TOLD THE SENATE AFTER HIS NOMINATION THAT HE HOPED TO GAIN EXPERIENCE THROUGH HIS MISTAKES, AND IN HIS FIRST TWO WEEKS ON THE JOB HE CERTAINLY LIVED UP TO HIS WORD. APPARENTLY FINDING IT HARD TO SHAKE THE HABITS OF A CONGRESSMAN, HE WAS SPEAKING SO MUCH OFF-THE-CUFF THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS OBLIGED THREE TIMES TO DISAVOW HIS STATEMENTS. CUBAN TROOPS SEEM TO BE HIS SPECIAL NEMESIS. ON THE CBS PERSONALITY SHOW, 'WHO'S WHO' HE TALKED ABOUT THE CUBANS BRINGING 'A CERTAIN STABILITY AND ORDER' TO ANGOLA, APPARENTLY MEANING THAT SINCE THE CUBANS COULD ORDER THEIR

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TROOPS IN, THEY COULD ORDER THEM OUT AGAIN AFTER SUITABLE NEGOTIATIONS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT NEITHER SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE NOR MR. YOUNG HIMSELF CONDONED THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA. AND WELL IT MIGHT, SINCE AMBASSADOR SCRANTON, MR. YOUNG'S PREDECESSOR, TOLD THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL LAST NOVEMBER THAT THE CUBANS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING UNDEFENDED SETTLEMENTS IN A 'PACIFICATION' CAMPAIGN, KILLING REFUGEES, BURNING HUTS AND SLAUGHTERING CATTLE. SO WE WERE CONSIDERABLY RELIEVED TO READ THAT WHEN MR. YOUNG MET UNOFFICIALLY WITH THE ANGOLAN PREMIER, AGOSTINHO NETO, HE UPHELD AMERICAN POLICY IN A SPIRITED DEBATE. ON THE WHOLE, MR. YOUNG SEEMS TO BE RETREATING FROM HIS SOMEWHAT BIZARRE STARTING POINT, AND HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES, WE'RE TOLD, HAVE WON HIM CONSIDERABLE POPULARITY AMONG HIS HOSTS. SO MAYBE HE IS SETTLING INTO HIS JOB. AFTER ALL, IT'S OFTEN SAID THAT PEOPLE LEARN FROM THEIR TRAVELS."

5. ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY OUT OF NEW ORLEANS FEB. 11 (AND REPEATED BY MORNING TV NETWORK SHOWS) SAYS "AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLUB IN AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S HOMETOWN VOTED AGAINST INVITING HIM TO SPEAK. TWO MEMBERS SAID

THE REASON WAS THAT YOUNG IS BLACK. BUT GEORGE HEALY JR., WHO SUGGESTED THE INVITATION, SAID RACE WAS NOT A FACTOR IN THE VOTE BY DIRECTORS OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, A CLUB FOR NEW ORLEANS BUSINESS EXECUTIVES. HEALY, FORMER EDITOR OF THE TIMES-PICAYUNE AND A DIRECTOR OF THE CLUB, SAID SOME MEMBERS FELT THE INVITATION MIGHT BE VIEWED AS AN ENDORSEMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY THEY OPPOSE. HOWEVER, JOHN ORMOUND, A WHITE MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE BOARD, AND DR. HENRY BRADEN III, THE BOARD'S ONLY BLACK MEMBER, SAID THE VOTE WAS RACIALLY MOTIVATED. 'IT WAS JUST A PLAIN VOTE AGAINST SOMEBODY THEY DIDN'T WANT,' SAID ORMOND, CALLING THE ACTION 'A DAMN DISGRACE' THAT HAD A 'RACIST' TONE. HE ADDED: 'THE SUPPOSEDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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CIVIC LEADERS OF THIS COMMUNITY...SHOULD REALLY BE SORRY FOR WHAT THEY DID.' YOUNG WAS BORN AND REARED IN NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HIS PARENTS STILL LIVE. HE LATER MOVED TO ATLANTA, WHERE HE WAS ELCTED TO CONGRESS AND SERVED UNTIL HE WAS NAMED U.N. AMBASSADOR. BRADEN AND ORMOND WERE ABSENT WHEN HEALY PROPOSED THAT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE INVITE YOUNG TO SPEAK NEXT MONTH WHEN HE VISITS NEW ORLEANS FOR A TULANE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM. HEALY'S MOTION LOST ON A LOPSIDED VOICE VOTE AFTER A

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BRIEF DISCUSSION IN WHICH SOME MEMBERS CRITICIZED YOUNG'S POSITIONS ON AFRICAN ISSUES, SUCH AS THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA. THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM QUOTED AN UNNAMED DIRECTOR OF THE CLUB AS SAYING YOUNG HAD REPRESENTED THE U.S. POORLY ON HIS TOUR OF AFRICA AND WAS 'UNFIT TO HOLD OFFICE.' 'I DON'T AGREE WITH EVERYTHING HE'S DONE,' HEALY SAID, 'I CERTAINLY DON'T AGREE WITH HIS STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD FINANCE AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER IN AFRICA, FOR EXAMPLE ... BUT I THINK WE OUGHT TO HEAR HIM.' 'I THINK THAT IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO INVITE ANYBODY TO SPEAK EXCEPT THOSE YOU AGREE WITH, YOU'LL HAVE AN AWFULLY NARROW PERSPECTIVE,' HEALY SAID. 'I'VE INVITED A LOT OF PEOPLE TO TALK TO ME WHOSE POSITIONS WERE NOT THE POSITIONS I WOULD TAKE.' G. FRANK PURVIS JR., PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, SAID THE MOTION COULD COME UP WHEN THE BOARD MEETS AGAIN IN TWO MONTHS, AFTER YOUNG'S VISIT TO TULANE. PURVIS SAID HE
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FELT THAT DESPITE TUESDAY'S VOTE, INTERNATIONAL HOUSE MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN HONORING YOUNG. 'EVERYONE IN THE CITY'S PROUD OF HIM,' HE SAID.

6. NEW YORK DAILY NEWS FEB. 11 COLUMN BY JAMES WIEGHART UNDER HEADING 'THEY'VE NEVER SEEN THE LIKE OF CARTER & COMPANY' SAYS, IN PART, "NOR WOULD KISSINGER HAVE ALLOWED A MERE UN AMBASSADOR MAKE WHAT APPEARED TO BE IMPORTANT POLICY STATEMENTS, LIKE AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S COMMENTS THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE MOVING TOWARDS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM AND CUBA. AS FOR YOUNG'S OUTRAGEOUS STATEMENT THAT THE PRESENCE OF FIDEL CASTRO'S MERCENARIES IN ANGOLA LENT A DEGREE OF STABILITY TO SOUTHERN AFRICA -- WELL, IT'S MIND-BOGGING TO EVEN SPECULATE WHAT KISSINGER'S REACTION TO THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN. YET CARTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, WHILE OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED BY YOUNG'S STARTLING APPRAISAL -- WHICH SOME WAGS OBSERVED WAS TANTAMOUNT TO SAYING THAT THE PRESENCE OF HITLER'S STORM TROOPS IN POLAND WAS A STABILIZING FACTOR IN EUROPE -- SIMPLY DISMISSED YOUNG'S STATEMENT AS A FAUX PAS, MADE BY A STILL INEXPERIENCED HAND. WHICH IT WAS."
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